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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE II - BORDER ATTACK ON
ZAIRE

FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE ON BORDER ATTACK
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QUESTION: WHAT MORE CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE SITUATION
IN ZAIRE?

ANSWER: FROM THE INFORMATION WE HAVE THE INVADING FORCES
MOVED EASTWARD ACROSS THE BORDER TO KAPANGA AND DILOLO
CONTINUING TOWARD KOLWEZI; AND NORTHWARD ACROSS THE BORDER

TO KISENGE THEN TURNING EASTWARD JOINING THE PUSH TOWARD KOLWEZI. WE STILL DO NOT HAVE ANY CONFIRMATION ON THE SIZE OR MAKE UP OF THE INVADING FORCES.

THE ZAIRIANS REPORT THAT THEIR FORCES HAVE COUNTER-ATTACKED AND ALREADY REENTERED THE TOWN OF KASAJI.

QUESTION: HOW MANY AMERICANS ARE THERE IN ZAIRE AND HOW MANY IN THE AREA WHERE THE FIGHTING IS TAKING PLACE?

ANSWER: THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 2000 U.S. RESIDENTS IN

ZAIRE. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 25 AMERICANS IN THE GENERAL AREA WHERE FIGHTING IS TAKING PLACE.

QUESTION: ARE THERE PLANS TO EVACUATE THE MISSIONARIES AND PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS FROM THE AREA?

ANSWER: IF NECESSARY THE EMBASSY AND MISSIONARY HEADQUARTERS ARE READY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR EVACUATION OF THOSE WHO WANT TO LEAVE THE SANDOA AREA.

QUESTION: HAVE WE WARNED AMERICANS TO STAY OUT OF ZAIRE?

ANSWER: NO. WE HAVE NO PLANS AS OF YET TO DO SO. THE FIGHTING SEEMS TO BE RESTRICTED TO ONE CORNER OF THE SHABA REGION.

QUESTION: HAVE THE ZAIRIANS PROTESTED THESE ATTACKS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE UNITED NATIONS OR THE OAU?

ANSWER: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PERMANENT DELEGATE TO THE U.S. IN NEW YORK HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE SECRETARY GENERAL. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE ZAIRIANS WILL PUT THE MATTER BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND DEMARCHES ARE BEING MADE AT THE OAU.

QUESTION: HAVE THE ZAIRIANS ASKED THE UNITED STATES FOR ASSISTANCE?

ANSWER: WE ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE ZAIRIANS, BUT I HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENTS TO MAKE AT THIS TIME.

QUESTION: CAN YOU GIVE US ANY MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE AMERICANS IN THE FIGHTING AREA?

ANSWER: IN THE SANDOA AREA THERE ARE 15 MISSIONARIES AND 2 PCVS.

QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY PLANS TO GET THEM OUT?

ANSWER: WE ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO EVACUATE THE 9 AMERICANS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO LEAVE.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE ON THE FATE OF THE EIGHT MISSIONARIES BEING DETAINED IN KAPANGA?

ANSWER: YES, THE MISSIONARIES WERE ALLOWED TO COMMUNICATE BY RADIO WITH THEIR MISSION HEADQUARTERS IN LUBUMBASHI AND REPORTED THAT THEY WERE ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE NO MORE INFORMATION THAN THAT.

IF ASKED ONLY

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ANSWER: OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ZAIRE IN FY 77 IS 30.5 MILLION DOLLARS; 28 MILLION DOLLARS IN FMS CREDITS; AND 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR GRANT MILITARY TRAINING. IN ADDITION, FOR THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER JULY 1976 - OCTOBER 1976, OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ZAIRE AMOUNTED TO 10 MILLION DOLLARS. VANCE

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